Young male MPs outnumber their female counterparts in every age group.

**ENCOURAGING SIGN**
The gender imbalance is less pronounced among younger MPs where the ratio is:

**60:40**

**MALE**

**FEMALE**

**GENDER**

**UNDER 30**

2.2% Young people under 30 make up only 2.2% of the world's 45,000 MPs, up from 1.9% in 2016.

**UNDER 40**

15.5% of the world's MPs are aged under 40 - up from 12.9% in 2014 and 14.2% in 2016.

**UNDER 45**

28.1% of the world's MPs are aged under 45 – up from 23.9% in 2014 and 26% in 2016.

**AGE**

Source: Youth participation in national parliaments 2018

Based on data gathered from 150 countries (147 single and lower chambers and 55 upper chambers of parliament)

As in 2016, in countries where youth quotas exist, the proportion of parliamentarians under 30 is much smaller than of the under-40 age group.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The age at which citizens are eligible to run for parliamentary office rarely coincides with the legal voting age.

65% of chambers impose a 'waiting time' between voting age and age of eligibility for office.

The waiting time is generally longer for upper than for single or lower chambers.

18 average: 279
The age requirements for upper chambers range from 18 to 46, with an average of 279.

45

17 average: 214
The age requirements for single and lower chambers range from 17 to 40 with an average of 214.

The average waiting time is 3.4 years.

**QUOTAS**

40.7% Less than half of the chambers analyzed have a committee or parliamentary body whose name explicitly refers to 'youth'.

72% Youth parliaments exist in 72% of the countries surveyed, some with formal ties to the national parliament but most coordinated by non-governmental organizations, government ministries, schools or other local authorities.

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